REMARKS

Prior to this Reply, Claims 1-37 were pending. No claims have amended, added or cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1-37 are at issue in the present case.

I. <u>Drawings</u>

In the Notice to File Missing Parts, the U.S. Patent Office required replacement drawings to be filed in order to avoid abandonment of the application. Specifically, the U.S. Patent Office found Figs. 5A and 5B to be unacceptable because the numbers, letters and characters on the drawings were not of a sufficient height.

In response, Applicants are submitting replacement Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A-1, 5A-2, 5B-1 and 5B-2 (contained on Replacement Sheets 1-7). In order to make the numbers, letters and/or characters on original Figs. 5A and 5B an acceptable height, original Fig. 5A was broken into Figs. 5A-1 and 5A-2, while original Fig. 5B was broken into Figs. 5B-1 and 5B-2. Furthermore, the description of the steps found on original Fig. 5B were moved to the bottom of Fig. 5B-2, along with corresponding step numbers, so that a correlation can be made between the steps listed along the right side of Figs. 5B-1 and 5B-2. No new matter has been added.

II. Amendments to the Specification

As mentioned above, original Fig. 5A was broken into Figs. 5A-1 and 5A-2, while original Fig. 5B was broken into Figs. 5B-1 and 5B-2. Accordingly, certain text of the application needed to be amended to reflect such changes to the aforementioned figures. No new matter has been added.

III. Conclusion

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Applicants believe that the application appears to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

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